

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1.-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a sustained-release composition containing a ~~biologically active substance~~ **an LH-RH derivative** or salt thereof, a hydroxynaphthoic acid or salt thereof and a biodegradable polymer or salt thereof, comprising removing the ~~an~~ organic solvent from a mixture of a ~~bioactive substance~~ **comprising the organic solvent, an LH-RH derivative** or salt thereof ~~in an organic solvent~~, a biodegradable polymer or salt thereof, and hydroxynaphthoic acid or a salt thereof.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, comprising mixing and dispersing a ~~bioactive substance~~ **an LH-RH derivative** or salt thereof in an organic solvent solution containing a biodegradable polymer or salt thereof and hydroxynaphthoic acid or a salt thereof, and subsequently removing the organic solvent.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~producing the sustained-release composition according to~~ claim 18, wherein the ~~bioactive substance~~ **LH-RH derivative** or salt thereof is in the form of an aqueous solution.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~production method according to~~ **of** claim 17, wherein the salt of the ~~bioactive substance~~ **LH-RH derivative** is a salt with a free base or acid.

Claims 21.-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) A method of suppressing ~~bioactive substance~~ initial burst **of an LH-RH derivative** from a sustained-release composition **by maintaining a retention rate**, comprising adding hydroxynaphthoic acid or a salt thereof to the sustained-release composition.

25. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~increasing~~ **prolonging** the efficiency of ~~bioactive substance inclusion~~ **an LH-RH derivative** in a sustained-release composition, comprising adding hydroxynaphthoic acid or a salt thereof to the sustained-release composition.

26. (Currently Amended) A hydroxynaphthoate of ~~a bioactive peptide~~ **an LH-RH derivative**.

27. (Currently Amended) The hydroxynaphthoate of ~~a bioactive peptide according to~~ **an LH-RH derivative** claim 26, which is soluble in water or very slightly soluble in water.

28. (Currently Amended) A sustained-release composition containing the hydroxynaphthoate of ~~a bioactive peptide~~ **an LH-RH derivative**.